

FISH & WILDLIFE COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM COVER SHEET

Meeting Date: December 8, 2016

Agenda Item: Biennial Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule

Division: Fisheries

Action Needed: Final

Time Needed on Agenda for this Presentation: 5 Min

Background

The Fish & Wildlife Commission Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule sets the permit fees for commercial use occurring at *fishing access sites and wildlife management areas*. The Parks and Recreation Board Commercial Use Permit Fee Rule sets the permit fees for commercial use occurring at *state parks*. The Parks and Recreation Board amended its commercial use permit fee rule earlier this year by increasing the fees for photography and filming, special events, concessions and watercraft livery. Although consistency between the two fee rules is not required, it is desirable to have a single fee schedule for the Department to avoid confusion by the public. Changes here will make the fees the same for the film permits for the two rules, because the Fisheries Division is experiencing considerable workload to process film permits with large crews. The other fees will remain unchanged for now, pending further discussions with FAS commercial users.

Public Involvement Process & Results

Following Commission approval of the proposed rule in October, FWP conducted a public comment period from October 23-November 22. One comment was received and it was in favor of the changes to the fees for large filming crews.

Alternatives and Analysis

The Commission could choose to accept the proposed changes, reject the proposed changes and reauthorize the current rates, or propose changes of their own. In any event, this is a biennial rule and must be reauthorized.

Agency Recommendation & Rationale

FWP recommends that the Commission approve the fee rule as proposed. Specifically, the rule would increase the fee for an 8-20 person crew from \$100 to \$200/day. It would also simplify the fee for crews of 21 or larger, and charge \$500 for the first day and \$1,000 for additional days. Currently the fee rule has three categories for crew sizes over 20, with fees going from \$200 to \$400/day. This will achieve consistency with the Parks rules, and it will also reflect the reality of dealing with the impacts and logistics of large groups such as these.

Proposed Motion

I move the Fish and Wildlife Commission adopt the commercial use fee rule as recommended by the Department.